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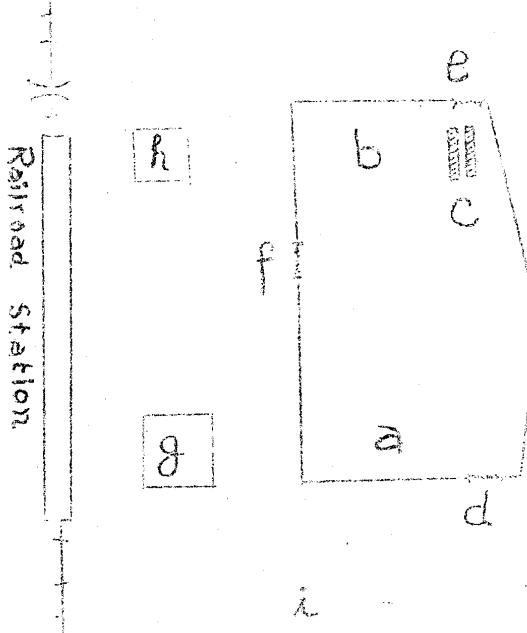
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- 25X1 . The sketch below of the Klosterneuburg Pioneer-Zugwagenstall area was made on 22 July 1952.



- a. a number of partially damaged buildings
- b. large concrete parking lot
- c. two buildings, probably garages and repair shops
- d. gate bearing the Cyrillic inscription 'GTO'; one sentry with tank insignia was posted here
- e. gate with one sentry wearing tank insignia

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- a. a closed entrance gate
- b. ~~an~~ ~~olzindustrie~~ building, a USIA enterprise
- c. a building used by USIA
- d. military training ground: a wooden cupola with protruding gun was erected on a wooden platform as shown below. Several soldiers were seen entering the cupola.



- e. On 22 July 1952, the following observations were made in the Pionier-Zeuganstalt area: On the training ground soldiers were posted in close formation. A large band of approximately 100 men was playing. Officers, among them two lieutenant colonels and one major, were sitting at tables under trees. One T-34 tank was parked nearby. Later on, the following units were seen marching from the training ground to the engineer troop barracks:
 - f. one officer and 15 men wearing black-red service colors, some with artillery insignia
 - g. one officer and 24 men wearing black-red service colors, some with artillery insignia and equipped with rifles, two light machine guns and three sub-machine guns
 - h. one officer and 13 men, whose service colors were not defined; two soldiers carried wooden rifles for bayonet training and one red banner, the detachment marched in rows of three men each
 - i. five officers and 25 men wearing black-red service colors and equipped with rifles, and three light machine guns; this detachment marched in rows of four men each
 - j. two officers and ten men, whose service colors were not defined; this detachment had no weapons and marched in rows of three men each
 - k. 14 men wearing black-red service colors and armed with rifles
 - l. seven men wearing black-red service colors and motor transport insignia
 - m. one enlisted man wearing black-red service colors and tank insignia.

Approximately 100 men remained on the training ground.

- n. The house opposite the engineer troop barracks is used as an officers' mess. A navy garage is installed at Wienerstrasse 160.

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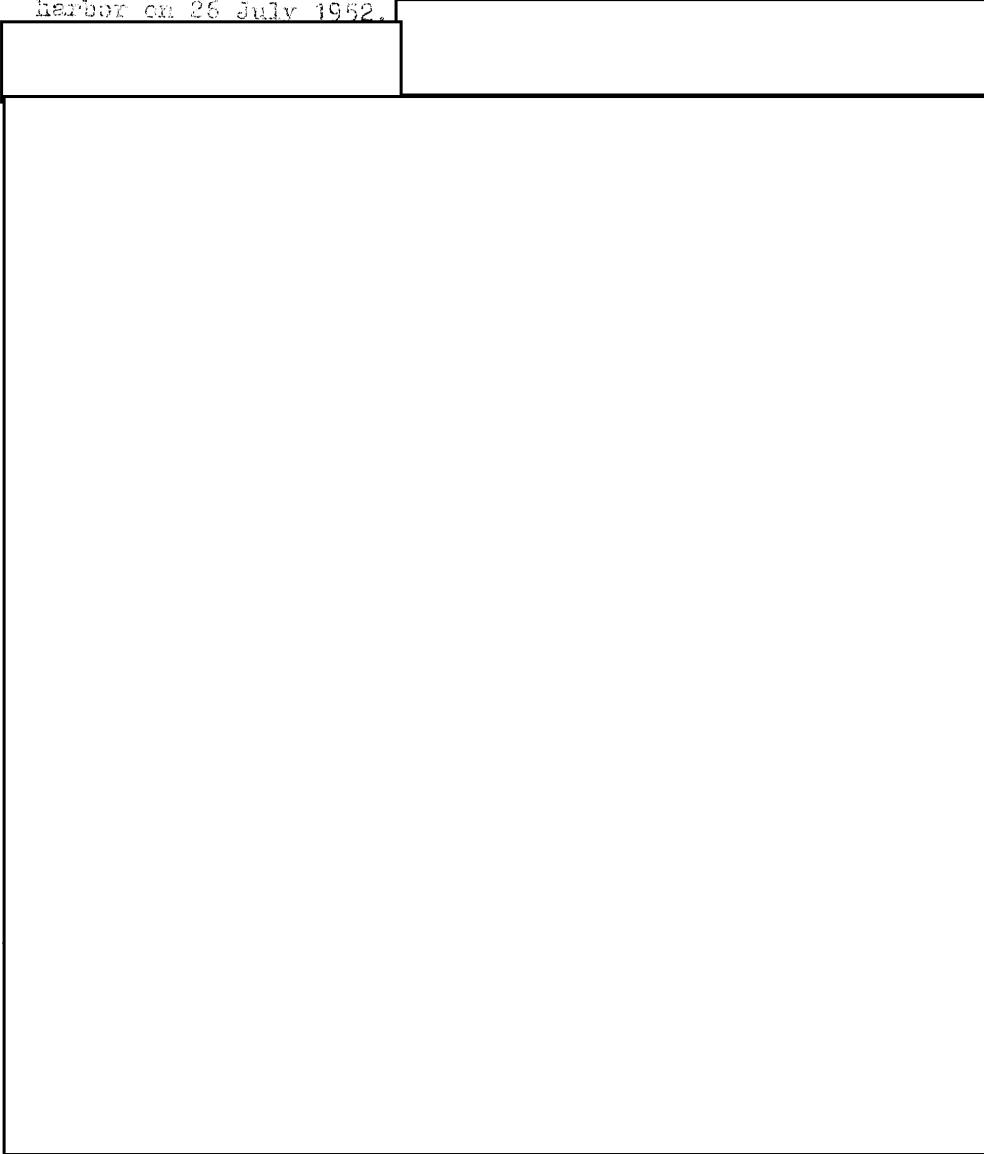
On 26 July 1952, a number of tank officers and enlisted men were seen in the Pionier-Zeuganstalt area. Motor vehicles were parked in the garages. A detachment of one officer and 18 enlisted men without arms, all wearing tank insignia, and another detachment of one officer and six soldiers equipped with pistols marched through Magdeburgerstrasse. Two officers and 17 men with two mortars, caliber approximately eight centimeters, marched double-time into the engineer troop barracks.

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- a. The construction of the Oder River bridge in Frankfurt/Oder from the eastern bank of the river was hastened by a Polish construction firm. One third of the bridge had already been completed. (6)
- b. About 30 trains could be side-tracked without blocking through-traffic at the Poznan-Frenowo marshaling yard. Two pits for disposing of coal cinders from the locomotives were constructed in addition to the two which had been in existence. An estimated 12,000 tons of coal stocks were available. Two electric cranes and one steam crane with a total daily capacity of about 1,000 tons were available. (8)

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Comments

- (1) The reconstruction of the second track on this line was reported previously. [redacted]
- 25X1 [redacted] Until 1945, the line section was operated electrically and then steam-operated after the over-head line had been dismantled by the Russians and shipped to the U.S.S.R. Information on the re-electrification of this line is received for the first time and requires confirmation.
- (2) This single-track line is of local importance only.
- (3) Coal from the Zaldenburg miningdistrict to Czechoslovakia is chiefly shipped on this single-track railroad line.
- (4) According to available information, this line section has already been double-tracked. [redacted]
- (5) Information on a highway between Brest Litovsk and Warsaw is received for the first time and requires confirmation. Information on plans for the construction of a highway between Warsaw and Frankfurt/Oder which was scheduled to join the Berlin-Frankfurt/Oder autobahn via an autobahn bridge across the Oder River already under construction was previously reported. [redacted]
- (6) The double-tracking of this bridge was previously reported [redacted]
- (7) Considering the importance of this connection, the information appears incredible. Available information indicates that the two railroad bridges connecting the main station with the freight station in Stettin were reconstructed in a makeshift way.
- 25X1 [redacted]
- Poznan-Frenowo is one of the largest marshaling yards in Poland and was considerably enlarged during the German occupation from 1939 to 1944. Minor war damage was repaired by the Polish State Railroads.

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